



## Complete Summary

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### TITLE

Mental health: the practice can produce a register of people with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses.

### SOURCE(S)

British Medical Association (BMA). Quality and outcomes framework guidance. London (UK): British Medical Association (BMA); 2006. 132 p.

## Measure Domain

### PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

#### Structure

The validity of measures depends on how they are built. By examining the key building blocks of a measure, you can assess its validity for your purpose. For more information, visit the [Measure Validity](#) page.

### SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

## Brief Abstract

### DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess whether the practice can produce a register of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses.

### RATIONALE

There are relatively few indicators of the quality of mental health care in relation to the importance of these conditions. This reflects the complexity of mental health problems, and the complex mix of physical, psychological and social issues that present to general practitioners. The indicators included in the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) can therefore only be regarded as providing a partial view on the quality of mental health care.

For many patients with mental health problems, the most important indicators relate to the inter-personal skills of the doctor, the time given in consultations and the opportunity to discuss a range of management options. Within the 'patient

experience' section of the quality framework (see the original measure documentation), there exists the opportunity to focus patient surveys on particular groups of patients. This would be one way in which a practice could look in more detail at the quality of care experienced by people with mental health problems.

Mental health problems are also included in some of the organisational indicators (see the original measure documentation). These include the need for a system to identify and follow up patients who do not attend where the practice has taken on a responsibility for administering regular neuroleptic injections, significant event audits which focus specifically on mental health problems, and methods of addressing the needs of carers.

This measure is one of six [Mental Health](#) measures. The Mental Health indicator set focuses on patients with serious mental illness. There are also indicator sets that focus on people with depression and dementia (see the original measure documentation for details).

The register includes all people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses rather than a generic phrase that is open to variations in interpretation. This brings mental health in line with other areas of the QOF.

#### PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Mental health; patient registry

#### DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

This measure applies to practices whose patient population includes individuals with a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses (one practice at a time).

#### NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

The practice can produce a register of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses.

### Evidence Supporting the Measure

#### EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY

- A formal consensus procedure involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, and organizational sciences

### Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

#### NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

## State of Use of the Measure

### STATE OF USE

Current routine use

### CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement  
National reporting  
Pay-for-performance

## Application of Measure in its Current Use

### CARE SETTING

Physician Group Practices/Clinics

### PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Physicians

### LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Group Clinical Practices

### TARGET POPULATION AGE

Does not apply to this measure

### TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Does not apply to this measure

### STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Does not apply to this measure

## Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

### INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Unspecified

### ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

## BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

## UTILIZATION

Unspecified

## COSTS

Unspecified

## Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

## IOM CARE NEED

Not within an IOM Care Need

## IOM DOMAIN

Not within an IOM Domain

## Data Collection for the Measure

## CASE FINDING

Does not apply to this measure

## DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Does not apply to this measure

## DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

### Inclusions

This measure applies to practices whose patient population includes individuals with a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses (one practice at a time).

### Exclusions

Unspecified

## RELATIONSHIP OF DENOMINATOR TO NUMERATOR

Does not apply to this measure

## DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Does not apply to this measure

#### DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Does not apply to this measure

#### NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

##### Inclusions

The practice can produce a register of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses.

##### Exclusions

Unspecified

#### MEASURE RESULTS UNDER CONTROL OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR POLICYMAKERS

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

#### NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Encounter or point in time

#### DATA SOURCE

Registry data

#### LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Does not apply to this measure

#### PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

### Computation of the Measure

#### SCORING

Categorical Variable

#### INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Passing score defines better quality

#### ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Does not apply to this measure

## STANDARD OF COMPARISON

External comparison at a point in time  
Internal time comparison

## Evaluation of Measure Properties

## EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

## Identifying Information

## ORIGINAL TITLE

MH 8. The practice can produce a register of people with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses.

## MEASURE COLLECTION

[Quality and Outcomes Framework Indicators](#)

## MEASURE SET NAME

[Mental Health \(MH\)](#)

## DEVELOPER

British Medical Association  
National Health System (NHS) Confederation

## ENDORSER

National Health Service (NHS)

## ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

## RELEASE DATE

2004 Apr

## REVISION DATE

2006 Feb

## MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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#### MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "MH 8. The practice can produce a register of people with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses," is published in the "Quality and outcomes framework guidance." This document is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the [British Medical Association Web site](#).

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